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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS ON WHISKEY IMPORTS

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY THE DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL OF THE U.S. (DISCUS) CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF RESTRICTIONS BEING IMPOSED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ON IMPORTS OF U.S. WHISKEYS, AS WELL AS IMPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, PRINCIPALLY CANADA AND THE U.K. DISCUS WAS INFORMED THAT THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY

(TAA) OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE HAS RECEIVED A COMPLAINT FROM THE DOMESTIC ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE INDUSTRY THAT IT IS BEING DAMAGED BY IMPORTS. ACCORDING TO

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DISCUS, THE TAA HAS THE AUTHORITY TO SET QUOTAS OR RAISE DUTIES FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD UNTIL THE MINISTRY CAN DECIDE WHAT PERMANENT ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED. THE HEARING ON THIS MATTER IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 8, AT 10:00 A.M. IN CANBERRA. DISCUS IS ATTEMPTING TO HAVE ITS MEMBER COMPANIES ADVISE THEIR AUSTRALIAN AGENTS, MOST OF WHOM ARE LOCATED IN SYDNEY TO ATTEND THIS MEETING TO OPPOSE ANY

RESTRICTIONS BEING PLACED ON IMPORTS OF U.S. WHISKEY.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: AUSTRALIA IS THE SECOND BIGGEST EX-

PORT MARKET FOR U.S. WHISKEY, AND EVEN A TEMPORARY QUOTA
OR RISE IN IMPORT DUTIES COULD DAMAGE SALES. IF THE
EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE

TO HAVE AN OFFICER, PERHAPS THE COMATT, ATTEND THESE
HEARINGS TO OPPOSE ANY PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS.
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